THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 15)

(c) The details of two such cases settled are as under:—

(1) Shri J.K. Verma, an employee appointed on adhoc basis in erstwhile Akbar Hotel; and

(2) Shri Duli Chand, an employee of Ashok Hotel New Delhi regarding settlement of his claim for wages.

(d) and (e) Details of two such pending cases are as under:

(i) The services of Shri RC James (an ex-employee of erstwhile Akbar Hotel) were terminated for misconduct after holding an enquiry. The labour court has recently held the termination illegal ordering his reinstatement with full back wages.

(ii) Shri Om Prakesh, an employee of Ashok Hotel New Delhi had challenged his supersession. The court ordered recently that Shri Om Prakash be given full benefits of his salary, seniority, etc.

The management is holding negotiations for settlement of the cases and the same are in progress.

Progress of Drought Prone Area Programme

493. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when Drought Prone Area Programme was launched in the country;

(b) the salient features of the programme; and

(c) the up-to-date progress of the programme in physical and financial terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Drought Prone Area Programme is being implemented since Fourth Five Year Plan.

(b) The thrust of the programme now is on activities which contribute directly to drought proofing and restoration of ecological balance such as soil and moisture conservation, land shaping and development, water resource conservation and development, afforestation and pasture, fodder and grassland development etc.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 997.99 crores has been incurred on the programme till February, 1988 while the physical achievements under core sectors till December, 1987 are as follows:—

Sector	(in lakh hect)
Area treated under soil & moisture conservation.	25.07
Irrigation potential created.	9.28
Area covered under forests and pastures.	12.62

Sick closed and locked-out Factories in States

494. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick, closed and locked-out factories, as at the end of February, 1988, State-wise;

(b) the number of workers affected, State-wise, by these lock-outs, closures and sickness; and

(c) the steps if any, taken or proposed to be taken to make these factories viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Based on the latest available information, a Statement on State-wise number of closures, lockouts and workers affected during the year 1987 is attached. (*See* below) Information on the number of sick units is not maintained.

(c) Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Centre and in the States are taking adequate preventive measures to minimise the incidence of lockouts arising out of industrial disputes. Steps are also being taken to rehabilitate sick/closed industrial undertakings under appropriate rehabilitation packages which include financial assistance and grant of concessions and reliefs by the Central and State Governments.

Statement

No. of closures, lock-outs and workers affected therein during 1987: By States (Provisional)

State/U.T.	Closures		Lock-outs	
	No. of Units	Workers affected	No. of Units	Workers affected
A.P.	8	276	71	57214
Bihar	—	—	16	23319
Gujarat	45	16810	28	11855
Haryana	1	700	13	7516
Karnataka	7	2217	4	739
Kerala	28	14713	19	8311
M.P.	—	—	2	1298
Maharashtra	41	1244	55	20451
Orissa	1	79	7	4182
Punjab	3	238	4	3244
Rajasthan	5	199	18	5033
Tamilnadu	4	163	18	6891
U.P.	9	330	11	6219
West Bengal	47	55357	146	102259
Delhi	25	671	8	273
Goa, Daman & Diu	2	91	2	2082
Pondicherry	—	—	—	—
Others	2	163	1	200
ALL INDIA	228	93251	423	261086

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